taken, serve as a key to it. This is why there was no full report last year. To have simply printed the program would have been useless, *as it was printed with the name of every performer*, previous to the convention, and the brother should have read it, or seen it at least. After the convention, there was a mere notice of it, and that was enough as the program had been published, and unless the speeches would be printed, why reprint the program? There is enough instructive and interesting matter to print, and no space should be taken for anything else.

I would not ask the editor for space for these words, *only as an explanation*. Too often, space is thus wasted. Sometimes two or three columns are taken up, and I have seen almost a page taken by some minister, telling where he was last Sunday, and where he will go next Sunday,—where he ate dinner, who met him at the train, etc. What care I where he was, where he preached, or where he ate dinner. If every minister were to report each Sunday's work, the paper would have to be enlarged, and then not all could be heard.

As to the committee, brother, they will attend to their duties when the time comes. Have patience,—the place and program will be announced in due time,—only do not conclude that there was no convention because you were not there, or *saw* no report of it. Many things take place in the world of which we know not. The committee had prepared a good program,—I never saw a better one. It was prepared by a few intelligent sisters, who always do things well. Some of the brethren failed to respond, and the attendance was not as large as it should have been. Some left before the close. Then I might as well say there was a little unpleasant jarring on the temperance question, caused, not by any body that lives at Meyersdale.

This is "little in much." Hope when I write again, I may have something more interesting than an explanation, which seemed to me necessary.

A. D. GNAGEY.

### Another Mission Performed; Another Plant Established: Mt. Zion is its Name.

Stauffer, is one of a series of villages in the "Coke region" between the Youghiogheny River and Mt. Pleasant, in Westmoreland county, Pa., around and in this village resided a few of our church members. For some time they talked of trying to effect an organization, and on the 24th of March I reached the place for the purpose of assisting them in the work. I found about ten that were ready to unite in forming a Brethren church. They had secured the use of the school hall, a very good room to hold a series of meeting in, and we commenced with the California Lecture. This was a little piece of strategy conceived by Bro. Wm. F. Murray, and it answered a very good purpose in the way of an advertisement for the meetings that were to follow. But the Evangelicals, the only church in the place undertook to monopolize the entire religious interest, having a pretty strong membership and having had protracted meetings since the holidays—were about ready to quit when I got there, but changed their mind and concluded to continue, I think, as long as we would, and they actually baptized one or two by trine immersion to keep them from coming to us. Their congregation however began to grow less, while ours increased—until the 2nd Sunday night their congregation dwindled to very small dimensions while we had a magnificent crowd of anxious listeners, and they closed up while we continued till Sunday night, the 8th of April, when other duties required me to close the meeting, and we closed with the largest congregation we had at any time. Although the Evangelical minister preached his farewell sermon that night while many of his prominent members were at our meeting.

On April 5th, we organized the Mt. Zion Brethren church at Stauffer with 16 names on the roll—5 of them yet unbaptized. Bro. Wm. F. Murray was chosen deacon, and duly installed by prayer and laying on of hands. We have confidence in this Bro., and we believe under his leadership the little church will prosper. Bro. M. C. Myers was elected clerk, and Bro. Peter Lohr, treasurer. One old German Baptist brother united by relation and was exceedingly happy. He got up several times in the revival meeting and spoke words of cheer, a thing he never done before, it not being according to the "order." His aged companion with three others was baptized on Sunday, April 8th, and one dear sister was hindered by a drunken infidel man, whom the law calls her husband. But this sister will not give up. She authorized us to put her name on the list and she will be baptized at the first opportunity. So we count 6 additions. Four more promised to come in the near future, as things unavoidable were in the way just now. Brother Stephen Hildebrand was with us nearly all the time and led the music, and rendered other valuable aid, but would make me do all the preaching, and I did the baptizing from choice. Brother Harmon, from Jones Mills, was there three times, and sister Lizzie Myers, from the same place, was with us during the entire time. She and sister Sophia Lohr are sisters to Eld. Wm. A. Murray, a German Baptist, of Ashland county, Ohio. They are faithful workers. They were with their other halves at our meeting last fall, in Green Co., Pa., so that we are getting thoroughly acquainted and with such helpers as they are it is no hard task to hold a meeting. Sister Lohr was made especially happy by seeing her son, her daughter-in-law and her grand daughter, (sister Mollie Moss) come out on the Lord's side and baptized into the fold.

On Monday, the 9th, I started for home. Arrived on Tuesday evening, found all well, thank the Lord.

I enjoyed this meeting. Never enjoyed one any better. The people treated us with marked kindness. My health is exceptionally good. It was sad to part. Tears were freely shed, and it was especially sad to me to think how near some others seemed to be to the kingdom, and yet stayed back. But as it always is, I feel that I tried my best to do all for them that I could, only the meeting should have continued two weeks longer, but we could not stay.

Bro. Hildebrand will preach for the Mt. Zion church every 4 weeks for a while at least, and we are hopeful of much good. Considering all things, I look upon the work at Stauffer as a grand success thus far, and with diligence and care a bright future lies before them. To God be all the glory, "to man the boundless bliss."

P. J. BROWN.

Congress, Ohio, April 11, '88.

### Things In General, Some Things In Particular.

Good As Far As It Goes.—The following words are taken from a local sheet. They are good as far as they go, but do not go far enough. Let all saloons go. Lets have Prohibition that will do all the work.

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
DEFUNCT SALOON KEEPERS
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!
DIED OF
GUILTY CONSCIENCE!
AND
HIGH LICENSE.
BUT IT WAS HIGH LICENSE THAT DID THE WORK.

A Word Of Sympathy.—While in Johnstown, I called on Sister Ramsey, and after an hour of social intercourse, we bowed at a thrown of grace, and parted, never to meet on earth. She has gone, dead, men say. To the Christian she has only changed homes, and earthly for a heavenly. Time for eternity, and everlasting bliss for the thorns and heart aches of life. We press your hand in sympathy brother Ramsey, and point to the burden bearer. He who bore the cross can help you win the crown. The hill may be steep but it has a top, and step by step it can be reached. Push on, the meeting will more than repay for the parting.

One Thing Needful.—I notice among so many, a disposition to quibble over little unessential things. It is a great pity this is not confined to one branch of the church. There is one thing needful: Salvation. The world needs saving, and is worth saving, and we are under obligations to help save it, but if we stop at trifles, or spend time in looking up the mistakes of others, the work will not be done. Do not stop to kick at every puppy the devil gets to bark at you. Let the great object for which Christ died be kept in view. We shoot no higher than we aim. Let us aim high. We accomplish no more than we undertake, let us undertake much. If Christ loved us well enough to save us when we were sinners, he loves us well enough to keep us, while we belong to him. Let us then keep in view the object for which he died. Work for the salvation of souls, the extension of his church, and the glory of our Father who art in heaven.

Quaintly Put But Good.—Fred Nye in the Omaha world, makes a good point in the following quaintly put verse.

Well wife, I've had a round with Wayne
'Bout jinin' our church;
He tried the sceptic dodge on me,
The argument of smirch.
Says he, "Look at your members now,
There's Jones got drunk, an' Swem
Will cheat a friend to make a trade;
Ain't I as good as them?"
Says I, "A butcher buying stock
Does just the way you do;
He hunts around the cattle yard
An' finds the meanest two
Then ev'ry offer that he makes,
An' ev'ry one he hears.
Is coupled with the sneerin' words—
'Jest look at them two steers!"
"You pick the meanest Christians out,
An' then with tricky jeers,
You run the whole church down by that—
'Just look at them two steers!"
No farmer's fooled by that ole trick,
An' so you can't afford
To risk your soul in tryin, it
Upon the all wise Lord."

Was Christ Acquainted With Good Language.—The following question appeared in The Christian Advocate, the official organ of the M. E. church. The italics are my own.

Q. 2612. Was Christ baptized by immersion or sprinkling?

*A.* Some think that they can settle this beyond doubt. We have read their arguments and compared them carefully with the Scriptures. Sprinkling, as now performed, we do not think was the mode of Christ's baptism: but whether full immersion, plunging, or pouring took place is not made clear. But if Christ were immersed, it would not follow from that that immersion only is correct baptism. If our Lord designed that immersion under all circumstances should be the only form of baptism, *it would have been easy to make the statement of the fact in language which would not have given rise to any controversy.* It is our judgment that the references to baptism in the New Testament are of such a nature as to show that the mode was not regarded by the writers as of importance sufficient to require an explicit description thereof. In this respect there is a parallel between the descriptions of the Lord's Supper and of Baptism. In harmony with this view the 38th paragraph of the Discipline says that the candidates for baptism shall "have the choice of either sprinkling, pouring, or immersion."

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

### Accessions to the Brethren Church.

I have once more taken the trouble to keep as accurate an account of the number of accessions to the Brethren church during the winter as I could, commencing the 1st of Oct. 1887, and ending March the 31st, 1888, the result is 1013.

N. A. FRAME.

Elkhart, Ind.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—My father in making a tour of the Western States a few weeks since came through Meriden, Jefferson County, Kansas, where resides a cousin of ours, Abram Mosier, who is very anxious that the brethren should come there to preach. Meriden is near Topeka. Mr. Mosier, whose wife and two children with himself are members of the German Baptist church, is an influential man in good financial circumstances; and is desirous of becoming acquainted with the brethren. Those living near will please write to, or call upon him.

M. M. STERLING.

April 9, 1888.

## OUR CHURCH.

Several have paid their subscription to the College since last week.

Bro. S. P. Stephens, of Monroeville, Ind., baptized one on the 8th of April.

There will be several of our young ministers in the graduating class this year.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner expects to preach a mission sermon at the College next Lord's Day.

We still have a few copies of the Annual. It had a better sale this year than ever before.

We learn from the *Times*, of Carleton, Neb., that Bro. DeBolt has had a spell of sickness.

The post office address of Eld. J. Myers is changed from San Diego, Cal., to Lakeside, Cal.

The Brethren at Carleton had a Passover service which was creditably spoken of by the local press.

Do not forget that it is our rule to publish no church correspondence without the writer's signature.

In Bro. Brown's correspondence will be found an account of the organization of another Brethren church.

Bro. Geo. W. DeBolt expects to go back to Davenport, Neb., to finish his work at some future time. Sickness interfered.

We forgot to say last week that Mr. D. N. Myers, son of Bro. H. K. Myers, was married April 3rd to Miss Emma Saal, of Wooster, Ohio.

Bro. J. M. Rittgers and. J. H. Palmer propose to hold the fort in north central Indiana this year. They have six regular preaching appointments.

The Brethren at Winchester, Preble Co., O., will dedicate their new church on Sunday, the 22nd. Bro. Mason will preach the dedicatory sermon.

The brethren at Christopher, Kansas, held a love feast on April 14th. The announcement was sent in for publication, but it came too late to be of benefit.

Bro. S. P. Stevens has written an article, by way of an apology for his change of church relation from the Methodists to the Brethren, which will appear next week.

Bro. Ed. Mason is making things move about in the Valley again. We venture that his moving affairs are now disposed of, and now it is earnest work in the field.

Bro. B. H. Flora preached at the College last Lord's Day. His native talent and style are very good, and after he has spent some time in study, he will be an able and worthy minister.

Bro. L. W. Ditch wrote April 10th: "By this heading you will see that we are at last in our new field of labor. Like the place very much. My address will be No. 305 Wenger St., South Bend, Ind.

Bro. P. J. Brown called upon us on his way to Dayton, last Saturday. He returned from his tour in Pennsylvania healthy and as full of zeal as ever. We are always pleased to have our brethren call.

Bro. Henry Wise writes: "We are in our new field of labor at Waterloo, (Iowa.) We are well pleased so far as we have gone around." His correspondents will take notice that his address is now as above.

Bro. A. Hershey, of Congress, Ohio, called on us last week, and he paid the remainder of his donation to the College, $50. He is one of those true-hearted Christians who makes his word as good as his note.

Next week Bro. Isaac Kilhefner expects to canvass in the Valley for the College. He reports that he has received encouraging report as the result of his late trip. We hope he will have abundant success next week.

We learn that P. H. Beaver's daughter, Miss Alice, will be married tomorrow, the 19th, to Chester A. Garber. The bridegroom's name is very familiar, and many of our readers are familiar with Bro. Beaver's name, and they will join with us in wishing all happiness.

Under date of April 7th, Bro. Bashor writes at Lathrop, Cal.: "Extended our first invitation for the week here last night, when 6 stood up for Christ. Our congregations are the largest ever gathered at religious meetings at Lathrop. I find I still need a longer rest and will take it when we close here."